COLLEGE OF THE ALBEMARLE

Founded in 1960, College of The Albemarle became the first comprehensive community college chartered in the North Carolina Community College System.

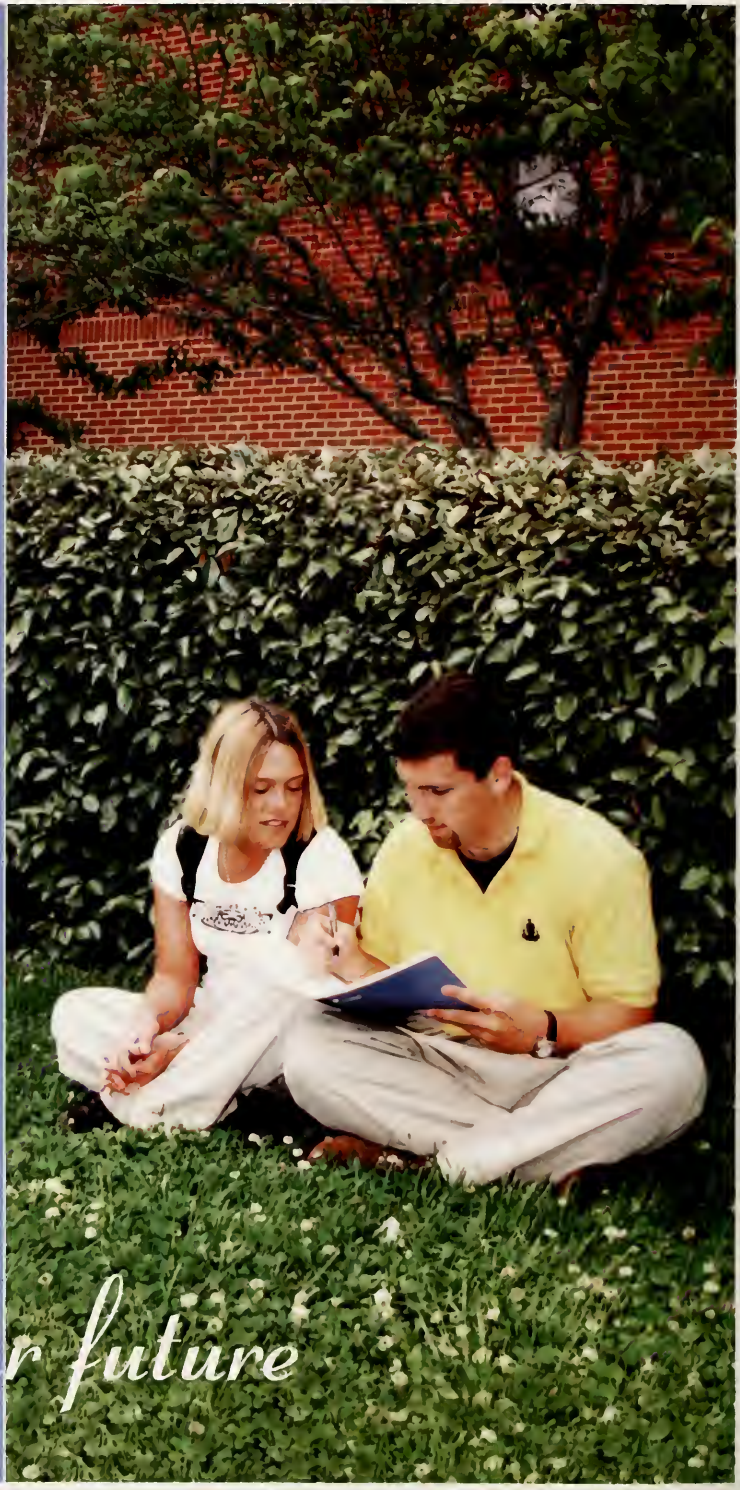
Over the last 40 years, COA has grown to an enrollment of over 2,000 degree students, over 5,000 Continuing Education students, and 3,000 Basic Skills Education students.

COA serves residents in the seven northeastern counties of North Carolina — Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank, and Perquimans — the largest geographic area of North Carolina's 59 community colleges.

The college, which began its days in the old Albemarle Hospital building in Elizabeth City, has grown to include a 60 acre campus on U.S. Highway 17 just north of Elizabeth City, the Dare County Campus in Manteo which opened in 1984, and the Chowan County Center in Edenton which opened in 1992. No matter where you are in the Albemarle area, you're not far from a COA location.

COA is committed to high academic standards and excellence in teaching at all levels from degree, diploma, and certificate programs to beginning adult learners, continuing education courses, and Small Business Center seminars and training.

We invite you to visit one of our campus locations to talk with faculty, staff, and students to find out what COA can offer you.



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Admissions

Admission to College of The Albemarle is open to any high school or GED graduate who is interested in taking courses to improve their job skills, prepare for a new career, or transfer to a four-year college. You can apply to COA in four easy steps:

1. Submit a completed COA admissions application to the Admissions Office. Applications are made available to prospective students who call or walk in to the Admissions Office at all locations. If you are planning to take only a course or two in anything other than college transfer, English or math and you do not want to pursue a degree or diploma program, STOP HERE. No further steps are necessary.

2. Request that an official high school or GED transcript and official transcripts from colleges previously attended be mailed directly to COA at P.O. Box 2327, Elizabeth City, NC 27906-2327.

3. If you are applying to any program or if you plan to take a college transfer, English or math course, take the COA Placement Test as scheduled or submit SAT/ACT test scores to the Admissions Office.

4. Register and enroll in classes.

For a COA admissions application or for more information, contact the Admissions Office in Elizabeth City at 335-0821, ext. 2290; the Chowan County Center at 482-7900; or the Dare County Campus at 473-2264, ext. 223.

Financial Aid

Students at College of The Albemarle are encouraged to apply for financial aid. Applications may be picked up from COA's Elizabeth City, Dare County, or Chowan County locations, or call the Scholarships and Student Aid Office at 335-0821, ext. 2355, to have one mailed to your home. Depending on family income, students may be available for federal aid, federal loans, and federal work-study programs.

COA also offers more than 100 private scholarships each year ranging from $50 to $1,500. Students need to apply for scholarships by May 1 and most scholarships are awarded during the summer months.

Contact the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid at 335-0821, ext. 2222, for additional information.

Curriculum Programs offered at COA

- Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology*
- Associate Degree Nursing
- Associate in Arts*
- Associate in Fine Arts
- Associate in General Education*
- Associate in Science*
- Basic Law Enforcement Training
- Business Administration
- Computer Engineering Technology
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice Technology*
- Early Childhood Education*
- Electrical/Electronics Technology
- Electronics Engineering Technology
- Fire Protection Technology
- Information Systems
- Information Systems - Programming
- Machining Technology
- Manicuring/Nail Technology
- Mechanical Drafting Technology
- Nursing Assistant
- Office Systems Technology*
- Office Systems Technology - Medical
- Paralegal Technology
- Practical Nursing
- Real Estate*
- Real Estate Appraisal
- Surgical Technology
- Travel and Tourism Technology

* Offered at Elizabeth City campus and Dare County Campus

Career Development

College of The Albemarle maintains the Center for Career and Life Planning which contains information about 3,000 colleges and schools, 20,000 occupations, and national labor trends. The center also has self-appraisal guides, interest inventories, computer software, and career planning materials for student use. Information on how and where to look for jobs, how to prepare resumés, and effective interviewing techniques is also provided.

Job Placement/ Cooperative Education

College of The Albemarle provides both educational and job placement assistance for its students. Students who do not plan to continue their education at a senior institution can register with the Job Placement Office for job placement assistance and tips on successful job-seeking skills including resume preparation. Students registered with the Job Placement Office will be referred to full-time jobs with the Job Placement Office by employers.

Students seeking curriculum-related, part-time employment while attending COA can apply for the Cooperative Education program and possibly receive academic credit in their major course of study while earning money. To be eligible for Cooperative Education, the student must have completed 12 semester hours with at least a 2.0 GPA and be recommended by an instructor.

There is no charge for any of the services available through the Job Placement Office.

Student Support Services

Student Support Services is a federally-funded program which serves students with academic potential who are economically disadvantaged and/or first-generation college students and students with learning disabilities or physical handicaps. Academic advisement, no-cost tutoring, child care services, assistance in applying for financial aid, personal development counseling, resource information and guidance, and cultural enrichment activities are facets of the program which increase the likelihood that students will successfully reach their college goals.

Campus Life

College of The Albemarle offers students the opportunity to participate in a number of extracurricular activities which enhance the educational experience. A variety of student interests are met through cultural events, recreational and athletic programs, club activities, and informative workshops. Students may also participate in government activities as elected and appointed Student Senate officers and senators. The Student Senate plans and directs many campus programs and lends financial support to student clubs, organizations, publications, intramurals, fine arts events, and other projects.

More than 15 clubs and organizations are active on the college's three locations. These include special interest groups such as the Adopt-a-Grandparent Club, Arts Club, Biology Club, Foreign Arts Club, Gospel Club, and the Travel Club. Clubs related to curriculum studies, including nursing clubs, and the Cosmetology Club, are also active.

Two performing groups, the COA Show Choir and the COA Band, welcome new members. The COAST (College of The Albemarle Student Theatre) Players also provides an opportunity for students to perform and produce plays in COA Auditorium.

Student newspapers are published by students at the Elizabeth City campus and Dare County Campus, as well as a college-wide yearbook.

Membership in the college's international honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, is by invitation to students who show high scholastic standing, character, leadership, and service while at COA.

The college also provides comprehensive drama and musical programs, a convocation series exploring a number of areas of student interest, and fine arts events designed to expose students and area residents to cultural art forms not usually available in Northeastern North Carolina.

The Department of Health and Physical Education offers an active program of intramural sports.

Small Business Center

Helping business maintain its competitive edge is a primary goal of COA's Small Business Center. The SBC serves as the primary contact between the college and the business community and works closely with business and industry to identify services and training that the college can provide.

Through the Focused Industry Training program and the Customized Training and Development program, the SBC can assist new and expanding industries with tailor-made programs that support their specific needs for a skilled and knowledgeable workforce. Training services may include instructors, customized training videos, temporary training, facilities, equipment, and supplies.

The SBC also maintains a resource library of various print and non-print media on business-related subjects. These materials are available to local business owners, employees, and individuals at no charge.

For individuals who want to start their own business or fine-tune an existing enterprise, one-on-one counseling is provided at no charge.

Continuing Education

One of the major functions of COA is to provide educational programs for adults in its service area. The Continuing Education Division places a strong emphasis on the value of life-long education and provides a variety of courses and activities to meet the particular needs and interests of individuals, businesses, and industries in the area.

Occupational, academic, avocational, and practical skills courses are offered for individuals 18 years of age or older and for those who need vocational or professional retraining and upgrading. Instruction is also available for those who desire to grow in basic knowledge, to improve in home and community life, and to develop or improve leisure time activities.

Basic Skills Education

College of The Albemarle's Basic Skills Education Program is designed for all people in the college's seven-county service area who need basic skills instruction.

For admission to the basic skills classes, a person must be 18 years of age. High school graduates may enroll for remedial or life skills training.

Basic Skills Education Programs are offered entirely free of cost, including books and instructional materials.

The Basic Skills Program is comprised of Adult Basic Education (ABE), General Educational Development (GED), Adult High School (AHS), English as a Second Language (ESL), and Human Resources Development (HRD).

Chowan County Center

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The Chowan County Center, located in the Edenton Village Shopping Center, functions as College of The Albemarle's presence in the Edenton area. COA Chowan has several unique program offerings.

Degree/Diploma/Certificate Programs

The Chowan County Center offers entry-level classes leading toward degree programs which can be completed at COA's Elizabeth City campus. Subject areas include business, humanities, communications, social sciences, English, computer science, marketing, mathematics, music, nursing assistant, office science, physical education, and social sciences.

Continuing Education

Continuing Education offerings include courses for job training, hobbies, and for personal enrichment. Courses are offered during the daytime, evenings and weekends and begin and end at various intervals throughout the year.

The Chowan County Center also offers community service and occupational extension continuing education classes. Some of these classes have included Effective Teacher Training, EMT Basic, Notary Public, basic Spanish, firefighter courses, CDL, CPR, and a host of computer technology courses.

JobLink Career Center

The Chowan County Center and the N.C. Employment Security Commission co-located in November 1997 to create the region's first JobLink Career Center.

Funded by the Governor's Commission on Workforce Preparedness JobLink Implementation Grant, the JobLink Center provides career planning, training, and placement services in one location.

Dare County Campus

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The Dare County Campus is located waterside on quaint Roanoke Island in the center of the Outer Banks. It is within a comfortable commuting distance from the North Beaches, Hatteras Island, and mainland communities.

Academic Quality

The Dare County Campus provides certificate, diploma, and degree programs in a broad range of academic and career options. Several universities of the University of North Carolina System offer upper level courses for bachelor's degrees in concert with the Dare County Campus through innovative "2+2" programs. Students may complete the associate's and bachelor's degrees without having to leave the Outer Banks. Other students transfer directly to distant universities after completing the first two years of college at the Dare County Campus.

Small Campus Atmosphere

With a faculty student ratio of 1:13, students at the Dare County Campus get personal attention from more than 40 full-time and adjunct instructors. A comprehensive array of student services make the student experience both nurturing and practical. The Dare County Campus experience was recently described by a student leader as one of "convenience, opportunity, and affordability."

Lifelong Learning

In addition to degree programs, COA Dare offers a wide variety of non-credit courses designed to meet the specific interests and needs of residents of the Outer Banks. A sampling of current classes includes such diverse offerings as 21st Century Investment Strategies, Instrument Ground School, Real Estate, and Tai Chi. The Dare County Campus Continuing Education Division provides occupational training directly to public service agencies, businesses, and other employers in the region.

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